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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

EXPRESSING AED'S SUPPORT FOR THE WATER RESOURCES REFORM & DEVELOPMENT ACT (HR 3080)

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

I am writing on behalf of Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) to express our organization's support for the Water Resources Reform & Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013 (HR 3080). AED is the trade association representing distributors of construction, mining, energy, forestry, industrial, and agricultural equipment. A state-by-state listing of AED members is available at www.aedauthorized.com.

WRRDA will create jobs and support economic growth while delivering substantial benefits to our nation's competitiveness. A 2012 AED-commissioned study by researchers at the College of William & Mary underscores the broad benefits of the bill (http://www.aednet.org/government/pdf-2012/infrastructure_report.pdf).

The report found that every one dollar investment in "conservation and development structures," including non-power dams, dikes, levees, locks and lock gates, breakwater and jetty systems, irrigation projects, fish hatcheries, wetlands and non-irrigation-related dredging, leads to \$10.59 in economic output (GDP) over a twenty-year period. Additionally, the AED study found that for every one dollar spent on "conservation and development structures" during the same twenty-year time frame would generate \$3.18 in tax revenues, including \$2.12 for the federal government and \$1.06 for state and local entities.

The impact of infrastructure investment is felt well beyond the construction industry. The William & Mary research team determined each dollar spent on infrastructure generates roughly \$.35 in indirect economic activity for manufacturers, \$.20 for professional and business services providers, and \$.10 for the finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing sector. Sectors ranging from agriculture to entertainment to retail also benefit.

It is for all the foregoing reasons that we believe there is no better investment than improving our nation's infrastructure. The Army Corp of Engineers program reforms contained in HR 3080 will accelerate project delivery through streamlining and will fundamentally change the way that the Corp conducts business through study consolidation and setting hard deadlines. HR 3080 provides much-needed investments in a fiscally responsible manner.

AED strongly supports WRRDA and urges strong, bipartisan support when it receives House floor consideration.

Sincerely,

Toby Mack
President & CEO

The association of leaders in equipment distribution.